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FROM : Chief of Mission, Frankfurt 642

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SUBJECT: GENERAL-- Operational

SPECIFIC-- Arthur T. LATTER

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1. As suggested in EDCW-11845 (KAPOK) of 5 November 1953, a liaison contact has been established with Arthur T. LATTER in Bonn. During his visit to Germany, [] introduced [] to LATTER on 4 December 1953. This purely introductory meeting, at which no organizational business was discussed, took place in LATTER's office in the Foreign Office Annex. Since then [] has had lunch on one or two occasions with LATTER and has had LATTER and his wife as guests at his home for dinner. LATTER is considered a senior consultant in the Foreign Office and was, for instance, included in Chancellor Adenauer's party which greeted Secretary Dulles at the Cologne Airport (Wahn) on the occasion of Secretary Dulles' return from the Berlin Conference.
2. Besides his consultant work within the Foreign Office, LATTER has been used to give talks to various groups, such as Ruhr industrialists, Silesian expellees, etc., on Russia and German-Russian relations. He states that he continually supports the EDC position and believes that any Rapallo type German bilateral agreement with Russia at this time would be suicidal because Russia can be dealt with only from a position of strength. He follows Russian matters closely and thinks that Army influence within the Russian hierarchy is mounting, and believes that Russia's economic program is to attempt to keep both consumer goods and heavy industry production at the same time.
3. LATTER's personal situation is not too unhappy. He has a small three-room apartment on Endenicher Allee near the botanical garden, and he claims that this small apartment is quite adequate since he has lost most of his personal possessions and has no desire to accumulate additional ones at his age. His own health is excellent but his wife is being treated for sinus trouble. His book has been getting good reviews, both in Germany and in America. He and his wife miss America and frequently refer to their happy situation there. He counts as two of his good American friends Mr. Robert Murphy and Mr. George Kennan. KUMARK expressed interest in LATTER's views on the question of contacts with Soviet Russia. LATTER was invited to dinner at [] on 15 June 1954, and [] was also present. Under separate cover is a memo of conversation written by [] after this occasion.
4. This liaison contact with LATTER will be maintained, and may sometime produce some reportable material. Until the present, LATTER has indicated no wish to use this contact to send any particular message to Headquarters.

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Memo by []

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